



STATE OF NEW YORK  
**EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**  
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GOVERNOR

April 23, 2018

Honorable Eric T. Schneiderman  
Attorney General of the State of New York  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Attorney General Schneiderman,

Sexual assault complaints must be pursued aggressively and to the fullest extent of the law by our criminal justice system. Yet increasing scrutiny of how society responds to this scourge has raised questions about the manner in which these cases are pursued. In particular, after public reports emerged concerning Harvey Weinstein's alleged sexual assault of Ms. Ambra Battilana in 2015 (the "2015 Weinstein Matter"), questions were raised regarding the working relationship between the New York County District Attorney and the New York Police Department's Special Victims Division in their efforts to investigate these important cases.

This letter confirms my prior direction that pursuant to Executive Law § 63(8), you, or a deputy to be appointed by you, shall conduct an inquiry into the actions of, and interactions between, the New York County District Attorney's office and the New York City Police Department regarding sexual assault complaints, including in connection with the 2015 Weinstein Matter. In a manner that avoids interfering with any ongoing investigations by the Manhattan District Attorney, the inquiry should review all relevant materials, question all relevant witnesses, and issue a report outlining findings and any recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is stylized and fluid.

ANDREW M. CUOMO